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sive Morning Franchise and
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able to Our Readers.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—At the regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Associated Press held here today, the committee on the state of the Associated Press reported as follows:

"The committee appointed by the board of directors to present to the board the actual present condition of the Associated Press reports that more than four hundred newspapers are now receiving directly by telegraph the news report of the Associated Press. These newspapers are members of the Associated Press and are supplied with the news directly by the agents of the Associated Press. A large number of daily papers in addition get news through minor associations, procuring news from the organization. Since the reorganization of the Associated Press, one year ago, 129 daily papers have given up other inferior service and have become members of the Associated Press and in the same period of time not a single paper having membership privileges in the Associated Press has relinquished that news service to accept service from any other news association not in close and friendly relations with the Associated Press.

"The committee reports that the present actual cash receipts each week in payment for the various deliveries of its news service are in excess of the actual weekly expenses of the Associated Press and in excess of the average weekly expense of the organization at the last annual meeting. The Associated Press has for the exclusive use of its news service today, 18,581 miles of leased wires, extending from St. Johns, N. B., on the east to Portland, San Francisco and San Diego on the west and from Duluth on the north to New Orleans, Galveston and San Antonio on the south. The independent agents and correspondents in the service of the Associated Press is 1,560. The number in the eastern division is 528, in the central division 632, and in the western division 400. In the southern division the correspondents of the South Associated Press cover that territory. The number of telegraph operators in the service is 168. The average number of words transmitted over the day wires is 16,000. The average number over the night wires is 45,000. The approximate number of words in the telegraphic news gathered by the service throughout the country is 28,000 per day.

"The committee finds that the Associated Press has maintained and improved at every point, having great superiority in its service over all competitors and not only in domestic but also in foreign news arrangements it stands far ahead of any previous record. It shows exclusive contracts with the London Times, prohibiting legitimate use of news of that paper by any other American association and similar exclusive contracts with the chief and most important news agencies of Europe—the Reuter of London, the Havas of France and Wolfe of Berlin, the three greatest agencies of England, France and Germany which maintain

correspondents in every important city in Europe, Africa, South America, Asia and Australia.

"The examination of the books of the association show its members have signed and pledged themselves to guarantee a fund of \$550,000 to maintain the high character of its news service, and to meet any extraordinary contingencies of expense. Of this vast sum, not one single dollar has been demanded from any subscriber, and the entire sum remains in the account unused for any purpose and available any moment for service.

[SIGNED].

"I. S. CARVALHO, New York World.
"FREDERICK DRISCOLL, St. Paul Pioneer Press.

"C. W. KNAPP, St. Louis Republic.
"CLAYTON MICHAEL, Philadelphia North American.

"ALBERT J. BARR, Pittsburg Post.
"J. S. SCRIPPS, Detroit Tribune.
"E. H. PERDUE, Cleveland Leader."

Mails for Fraudulent Purposes.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 27.—The postoffice inspector's department today brought into Covington under arrest three prominent citizens of Martin county, Kentucky, W. H. Hall, postmaster at Wells, Mr. Geo. E. Dameron and Maj. William D. Adams, ex-county treasurer. The prisoners claim they have violated no law, but the inspector will charge them with using the mails for the purposes of fraud. It is alleged that they formed a company to order by mail goods by the carload, which they disposed of at less than cost. It is alleged that the practice has been kept up a long time, and that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been made by the men in the arrangement.

NO RATE WAR.

Transcontinental Lines Practi-
cally Agree.

They Make Mutual Concessions and
the Public Will Pay the Same
Old Price.

By the Associated Press.

PORTLAND, O., Sept. 27.—The likelihood of a transcontinental rate war is lessening, but not removed by an agreement between the Southern Pacific and the O. R. & N. Co. regarding San Francisco business. By its terms both companies recede more or less from the positions they have heretofore taken, and each makes concessions to the other.

A Headless Skeleton.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 27.—The headless skeleton of a man was found standing by a bluff near Toadvine, thirty miles from here, yesterday by a surveying corps, who were making the line for the Birmingham, Sheffield & Tennessee River railroad. Not a thread of clothing or particle of flesh was on the bones, and the skull was nowhere to be found. Toadvine has been the scene of several family feuds, which break out frequently. About seven years ago John Oliver was called out of his house by some enemies, and he disappeared. It is believed he was murdered, and the skeleton found was his.

WITH A BULLET IN HIS HEAD.

Sang Merrily to His Boarding House
Companions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—An actor, who belongs in Terre Haute, Ind., is lying in a precarious condition in Bellevue Hospital. He is suffering from a pistol shot in the head self-inflicted. The physicians at the hospital regard Ripley's case as one of the most remarkable on record, for the reason that the man has lived over 36 hours with a heavy calibre bullet in his head. Further that while he must have been suffering untold agony, he was able to walk about the city and keep the matter secret.

It appears that Ripley, who is a singer in a comic opera company, shot himself in the head two days ago. A doctor who examined the wound pronounced it a trivial one and Ripley, who had an attack of delirium tremens went out to the stoop of his boarding house and for hours serenaded his fellow lodgers with such beautiful ditties as "Two Little Girls in Blue," and "Sweet Marie." Next day it was discovered that he was in a bad condition and he walked with a friend to Bellevue Hospital. The doctors say he cannot recover. A note found in his room indicated that the man intended suicide.

A WHITE FIELD.

A Vineyard Full of
Ripening Fruit.

Alaska as a Field for
Missionaries.

A Demand for Good Men and
Women to Labor.

The Natives Anxious to Become
Civilized and Adopt the Customs
and Religion of the Whites.

By the Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—The whaling schooner, Nicoline, Capt. B. F. Tilton, has reached port from Fox Island, Alaska. Capt. Tilton confirms the reported loss of the schooner, Emily Schroeder. At the time a fearful gale was blowing, a heavy sea washed over the point and the natives fled to the hills fearing they would be engulfed by the rising water.

In speaking of the missionary work in Alaska, Capt. Tilton says: "I think the government should do something for the natives, as they are a quiet and intelligent race of people and are anxious to live like civilized people. Missionaries should be looked after and good men, and especially women, should go to Alaska. Men should be sent that a native would respect, not men that are filthier than the natives themselves."

Christian Science Treatment.

RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 17.—The 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forbes, Ethel Forbes, of Williamsburg, who had inflammation of the bowels, was treated through the Christian science "absent treatment," the physician being James Armstrong, of Boston, Mass., publisher of the Christian Science Journal. No medicine, it is claimed, was given the child at all, and she died in agony. The child's funeral was stopped, a post mortem examination held, and the case turned over to the Humane Society.

Fourteen Indictments for Murder.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 27.—The state grand jury just prior to taking a recess yesterday afternoon returned fourteen indictments for murder in the first degree. Twelve of them were against men who, it is alleged, took part in the Pratt mines massacre. The other two were against Peyton Bowman for killing Eugene Jeffers, a boy, and W. G. Lunsford, for killing his negro coachman. Two hundred indictments on other charges were returned during the last three weeks and another session will be held next month.

Died From Hydrophobia.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 27.—Percy H. Howington, aged 9 years, died here today at the home of his father, W. I. Howington, of hydrophobia. About six weeks ago he was playing on the porch when a stray dog came in at the gate and bit him. The wound healed properly and it was given no serious thought until last Friday, when the boy exhibited peculiar symptoms. Since then he has grown rapidly worse, despite all the doctors could do.

Steamer Rammed by a Swordfish.

HALIFAX, Sept. 27.—The steamer Elliott, running between Boston and Charlottetown, P. E. I., was docked yesterday, and it was found that a swordfish had imbedded its sword nine inches in the ship's side. The force of the stab had driven the sword through five inches of spruce and three of birch. The Elliott was built only last year, and her timbers are sound. It is supposed the fish rammed the steamer outside of Boston bay.

Sugar Trust to Shut Down.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—It is currently reported that the sugar trust will shut down some of its refineries next week for an indefinite period in order to work off some of its surplus stock of refined sugar. Prices declined $\frac{1}{16}$ again today, which made a decline for the week of $\frac{1}{16}$, and it is said that the shut-down is regarded as necessary in order to reduce stock and keep up prices.

An Old Man Sentenced to the Pen.
OZARK, Mo., Sept. 27.—The spectacle

of a 73-year-old man standing before the bar of the county, guilty by a jury of his peers of resisting an officer, was witnessed here today. Samuel Church, who has for some years been running the gauntlet of crime and finally reached the lowest range in the scale of depravity, the keeper of a house of ill fame, was sentenced by Judge Evans to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary. He is a hardened old sinner and expressed no more feeling than a graven image when sentenced.

SHOT HER AND RAN AWAY.

Mrs. Whitefield Shot by the Man She
Expected to Marry.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Elmer Whitefield was found late last night by a policeman wandering about the streets of Ashmont with a bullet wound back of the left ear. She was losing consciousness rapidly from the loss of blood.

The policeman summoned an ambulance and had her conveyed to the city hospital. She told the officials that a man tried to rob her and finally shot her. When she learned that there was no hope of her recovery she said that James G. Paul, a cabinet-maker with whom she had been acquainted for two years, and was engaged to be married to, met her in Boston and rode with her to Ashmont early last evening. She went with him to a cabinet shop on Beal street. While there Paul told her that he was already married, but wanted her to live with him. When she refused he shot her.

Almost immediately after the shooting he made his escape, she said, and left her alone. She exerted all her strength and crawled to the street. The doctors at the hospital say there is no hope of her recovery.

MADE POOR SCORES.

Rifle Competition, California
and Columbia.

The First Five Who Will Compete
for Places in the Army Team
at Chicago.

By the Associated Press.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 27.—The rifle competition of the departments of California and Columbia terminated today, comparatively poor scores being made owing to the unfavorable state of the weather.

The first five who will compete for places on the army team at Chicago are: First, Corporal Charles R. Lauterjung, company A, Fourth infantry, 524; second, Lieutenant James R. Lindsey, Fourteenth infantry, 513; third, Lieutenant Armand T. Lassingne, Fourteenth infantry, 498; fourth, Corporal John A. Wise, company C, Fourth infantry, 467; Sergeant Fred D. Morse, company B, Fourteenth infantry, 469.

A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Bible Agent's Remains Found in the
Woods With the Throat Cut.

ELDORA, Io., Sept. 27.—While hunting acorns in the Moran woods a mile and a half south of town last evening Carl Radka discovered the body of a dead man lying near a tree. He immediately came to town and notified the sheriff and the coroner, who at once went to the place of discovery. They found the man lying in the leaves with his throat cut, and by his side was a knife with the dry blood on it. Near by were hanging his coat and vest, and in the pockets were found some money and his watch and a letter from Sawyerville, Canada, addressed to N. G. Keneston. Upon bringing the remains to town it was discovered that in the latter part of August a man answering the description and claiming to be N. G. Keneston did business at the banks and hotels, and said he was selling bibles and came from Red Oak, Iowa. His horse and buggy have been at the livery stable for two or three weeks. The man was of medium height, well dressed, and probably 55 years old. He acted very strangely. The supposition is that he committed suicide, but no cause is assigned for the act.

A Tour of Inspection.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—General J. B. Doe, assistant secretary of war, and party arrived here this morning. General Doe is on a tour of inspection of various military posts.

Coin and Bullion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Silver bars, per oz., 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Mexican dollars, 53 @ 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

WANTED TO DIE.

Tragic Deed of an Artist
and Wife.

They Both Seek Death
by Carbolic Acid.

The Woman Dead But the Man
Still Alive.

The Victims Are John Del Vecchio
and Lillian De Young, the Lat-
ter an Actress.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—In the theatrical boarding house, No. 84 East Tenth street, John Del Vecchio, a musical artist, and his wife, known on the stage as Lillian De Young, today tried to commit suicide together.

The woman, who drank carbolic acid, was successful, but the man is now in Bellevue Hospital, suffering from the effects of carbolic acid and a gash which he made on his neck with a razor. He will probably recover.

Del Vecchio and his wife appeared to be devoted to one another, but each had an over-fondness for strong drink. The husband had been on the verge of delirium tremens. His actions had recently driven his wife to the use of liquor.

It is supposed that the couple, while under the influence of drink, agreed to end life together.

In the couple's room was found a rough piece of parchment with the following scrawled upon it.

I was driven to this by hearing, or thinking I heard, a dirty, nefarious story about myself, which was without foundation. I am as honest a man as ever lived. Perhaps, it is owing to my oversensitiveness or from reading Ingersoll's suicidal theories. I don't know which, but I know that I have done nothing evil, or nothing to merit the reproaches of honest people (except drink). May God forgive me.

J. DEL VECCHIO.

Upon the back of the parchment was written the addresses: Ernest Del Vecchio, Symonds street, Salem, and Mrs. Sarah Davidson, 81 Mason street, Salem.

Mrs. Del Vecchio was a capable impersonator of masculine parts.

GRAND JURY SCANDAL.

Charged With Corruption by Pitts-
burg Attorneys.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 27.—The grand jury has begun the investigation of charges of corruption made against its members in open court. John Murphy, chief of public safety of Allegheny county, was charged with receiving bribes from keepers of gambling and disorderly houses. When the matter went before the grand jury it was ignored by a vote of 11 to 11.

Attorney A. H. Bowand then went before Judge Magee and alleged that members of the grand jury, whose names he did not give, had been corrupted by the defense with gifts of office and cash.

When called upon for affidavits he claimed to have refused to surrender them.

This morning Foreman George B. Barbick, in an address to the grand jury, stated that Mr. Bowand would have to appear and make good his charges or admit their falsity. In the meantime District Attorney Barleigh presented a petition to the court, asking that Bowand be compelled to produce all evidence in his possession bearing upon the matter.

SHIELDING A PARAMOUR.

A Wife's Claim to Having Killed Her
Husband Discredited.

ALLEGAN, Mich., Sept. 27.—The coroner's jury is holding a secret inquest upon the remains of Ira Hurd, shot by his wife, as she claims, through accident Saturday night. The revolver with which she claims to have fired the fatal shot, it transpires, was not discharged at all, but one of the bullets had been extracted. It is the general belief that the shot was fired by another person, who was with Mrs. Hurd at the time.

Nine to Three.

CARSON, Nev., Sept. 27.—The jury in the case of the Carlin strikers, held for obstructing the mails, disagreed and were discharged. It stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.